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1. The reply brief filed 12-24-02 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.
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